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UNDER the Wilson tariff the laboring man is living by the sweat of his face. Under the McKinley tariff he lived by the skin of his teeth.

THE American yacht, Defender, beat the Valkyrie III, Lord Dunraven's beautiful boat, last Saturday, by eight minutes, in the first of the trial races for the cup.

THE case of Cecil, et al., vs. the Flat Top Coal Company, involving over a million dollars, was decided last week by Judge Campbell, in Hinton.

Who is it who honestly thinks that any dollar made of any kind of metal but what will be just as elusive and just as hard to get and just as desirable as the dollar of to-day. The fault is not in the currency system, farmers. It is just simply hard on you because you haven't the right sort of pole to knock the persimmon.

RAILROAD VAGARIES.

RAILROAD projections are made on somewhat different lines than formerly. The consensus of opinion seems to be that if a community of people want a railroad, they must lay their heads together and work in conjunction with the capitalists who have the matter in hand. As the years go by, railroad building is more and more confined to roads of local importance, the great trunk lines having been completed years ago. Nowadays a road is built to develop certain sections and to command local freight. With some encouragement the line may be pushed further inland, and it is apt to go in the direction of those people who are the most willing to respond in a substantial manner in return for the benefits a railroad bestows.

The trouble is that there is such a vast quantity of territory very much the same as regards railroad development, and there is not enough competition among railroad capitalists. These local roads have never pushed into a country where there was decided opposition, or where there were no men to be found who lent a helping hand to the enterprise.

Landowners must come forward and contribute to the easy building of the road. They not give anything, but very often a district votes the right of way for the road and levies taxes to buy from those owners who make it necessary.

The Chesapeake & Western Company asked \$150,000 subscription from the citizens of Rockingham County, to be paid when the road was built. This was raised very readily, and the road is finished through a good part of the county already. The citizens who put the money in the road have greatly enhanced the value of their property, and own stock which will always pay handsome dividends.

Highland County men will raise a subscription in the same way, as a movement of that kind has been started there. It is not likely that they will get a bonus out of Highland County, as the former scheme did, but in that county, as well as in others, will be found men who will invest money in good paying stock when the result will be that a railroad will be built to make them rich. Pocahontas will be next along the line, and we may yet see the day when Pocahontas capital will own and control, in a measure, a railroad running thro' this county's territory. It has come to the point where it seems that it is just as likely for strangers to come in and make public roads without our co-operation and help, as it does that they will force a railroad upon us.

The day has gone by when the Government jobs in the railway line, and capitalists demand help from the public for public improvements.

RAPHINE, Va., Sept. 7th, 1895.

MR. ANDREW PRICE, Editor Pocahontas Times,

Dear Sir:—I have just read in your paper an article on the merits of Bath County and Pocahontas roads that brings up some reminiscences to my mind that I feel like setting before your readers.

It was in the spring of 1848 that I started from the Warm Springs to explore the almost unknown county of Pocahontas, and naturally took the Warm Springs and Huntersville turnpike. As I was traveling by Foot and Walker's line, I found the road fairly good until I got to Jackson's River, and as there was a house on the other side, I had only to use my lungs to get a means of crossing. I felt happy and went on, but in about five miles, or maybe six, I came to another stream just about as large and no house in sight. I sat down like the philosopher to wait until the water would all run by, and I suppose I should have been sitting there yet had not a man come along on the other side who came over and carried me across, and I went on my way rejoicing until I got into Pocahontas County, and I liked the place so well that I staid there nearly fifteen years, and if the Yankees had not driven me out I expect that I would have been there until this time.

But on the subject of exorbitant tolls I have a tale to unfold. I had been traveling over various roads in Bath County, about two years ago, with my wife, and had found that toll-gates were an institution in Bath County, and when I started for Marlinton I did not expect to find an exception. So after traveling some distance we came to a toll-gate, or rather a pole across the road, and a boy came running down and hallowed, "TOLL, mister!" I asked how much. He ran back and hallowed "Maw, maw!" An elderly lady came to the door, and the boy asked how much he was to charge me. She said, "Law, child, I don't know. Call your pa."

Woman and boy united in calling a man who was hoeing potatoes about a hundred yards away, and put the momentous question to him, and his answer was that he did not know, ask him how much he paid at the last place. As this was the first toll-gate on that particular road, the suggestion did not help matters much. Then the boy thought to ask me if I was coming back that way. I told him not if I could help it, but as I wanted to go on then I would give him a quarter for free passage, which he agreed to.

I did have to come back that very way, and the woman charged me 30 cents, on the principle, as I suppose, of being sure that she got enough. Now, as "Josh Billings" says, "this is no joke, but facts." If you don't believe me, I can prove it by my wife, and she won't lie if I do. Now you and your readers can judge for yourselves whether that was "exorbitant" toll or not.

By the way I owe you a dollar on the second year's subscription, but I don't know how I am to get it to you. I am afraid that if I start it to you over the Bath County roads it will be worn down to the value of a free-coinage silver dollar before it reaches you. I propose that you draw on me and send it out by some cattle dealer, and I will honor it at sight.

I forgot to say, while on the subject of roads, that after reaching the Warm Springs, I started to go to Monterey, and all I regretted was that there were no toll-gates on that road. I think I would have hailed with joy a toll-gate where they would have charged me a dollar, if I had thought I was going to get the worth of it in a better road.

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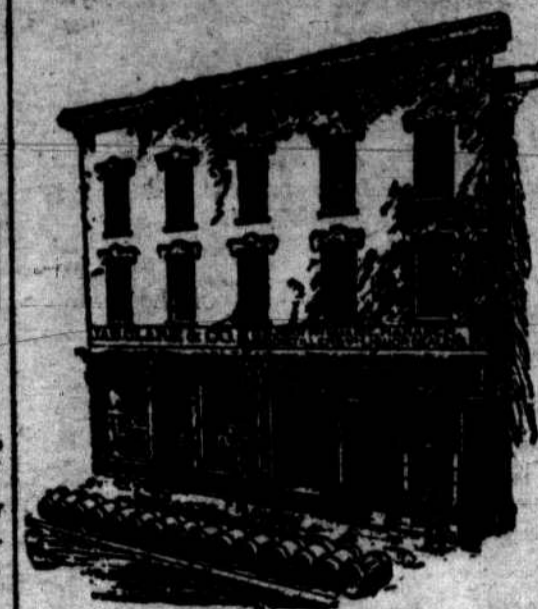
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